## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Hiroshi YANAGAWA et al.

Serial No. [NEW]

Attn: Application Branch

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LABELED PROTEIN AND ITS PRODUCING: METHOD, LABELING COMPOUND TO BE USED IN THE METHOD, AND METHOD FOR ANALYZING FUNCTION OF GENES (Rule 1.53(b) Divisional of Serial No. 09/190,276, Filed November 13, 1998)

## **PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In the interest of compact prosecution, please amend the present application as follows:

## IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, between lines 3 and 4, add the following:

This is a divisional of Serial No. 09/190,276, filed November 13, 1998.

Page 6, line 18, change "Fig. 4 is a photograph of electrophoretogram" to --Figs. 4A, 4B and 4C are photographs of electrophoretograms--; and

line 25, change "upper" to --Fig. 4A--.

Page 7, line 1, change "the middle" to --Fig. 4B is a photograph of an--; line 2, change "illustrates" to --illustrating--; line 5, change "The" to --Fig. 4C is a photograph--;

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